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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 073100

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP, MO, US

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF KING HASSAN'S STATE VISIT

1. SECRETARY RECEIVED MOROCCAN AMBASSADOR ABDELHADI BOUTALEB, MARCH 31, AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO HEAR "PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL" MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN. ESSENCE OF MESSAGE WAS THAT KING CONTINUES TO GIVE US DIPLOMACY IN MIDDLE EAST HIS FULL SUPPORT AND URGES SECRETARY TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS. HOWEVER, ATMOSPHERE IN MIDDLE EAST AFTER SUSPENSION US SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY IS ONE OF UNCERTAINTY AND SOME TENSION. AS RESULT, KING HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SEVERAL ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING ARAB SUMMIT MEETING IN NEAR FUTURE. SINCE KING IS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF ARAB SUMMIT AND THERE LIKELIHOOD MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN RABAT, KING FELT HE COULD NOT LEAVE MOROCCO TO VISIT UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME. KING HAS REGRETFULLY DECIDED, THEREFORE, TO ASK THAT HIS STATE VISIT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22 BE POSTPONED TO ANOTHER DATE TO BE DETERMINED. BOUTALEB EMPHASIZED
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REQUEST KEYED ENTIRELY TO MIDDLE EAST CONTEXT AND HAD NO

CONNECTION WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH ARE EXCELLENT.

2. SECRETARY EXPRESSED REGRET THAT KING, FOR WHOM HE HAS GREAT ADMIRATION, IS NOT ABLE TO MAKE STATE VISIT AS SCHEDULED, ESPECIALLY AT PRESENT MOMENT WHEN HIS COUNSEL WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND WELCOME. SECRETARY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT KING IS IN BEST POSITION TO MAKE DECISION ON TIMING OF HIS VISIT. SECRETARY ASKED BOUTALEB TO CONVEY HIS WARMEST PERSONAL RESPECTS TO KING AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VISIT COULD BE RESCHEDULED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. SINCE STATE VISIT WAS NEVER OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, THERE WILL BE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTPONEMENT. IF ASKED, EMBASSY SHOULD SAY QUESTION OF VISIT TO UNITED STATES BY KING HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN USG AND GOM FOR SOME TIME, BUT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN AGREED. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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